

President Biden's student debt relief plan will change lives and open doors for so many working families.

It is urgent that the Supreme Court uphold this critical program that will free millions of Americans from this heavy financial burden. So today I call on the Supreme Court to support President Biden's plan and make the historic step in making higher education attainable for everyone in this country.

INSTITUTES OF HIGHER EDUCATION MUST COUNSEL STUDENTS REGARDING STUDENT LOAN DEBT

(Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to address the growing student loan debt in our Nation. Despite efforts by President Biden and the Democrats to forgive student loans, they are still a major financial commitment and should be treated as such.

Before taking out Federal student loans, proper counseling for students should be required. We must ensure that our students are equipped with the guidance needed to make an informed decision and that they understand the process through which they pay these loans back.

This week I reintroduced the Know Before You Owe Federal Student Loan Act with Representatives Feenstra, Hinson, Nunn, and Guest to require institutes of higher education to counsel students before any Federal loans are disbursed. This counseling would also require students to manually enter the exact dollar amount of funding requested and require that students receive regular loan statements throughout their undergraduate career.

If we can help our students understand the process by which they receive Federal student loans and the interest, we will be one step closer to helping to relieve them of their debt through their career choices—unlike President Biden's loan which claims to erase these loans.

Unfortunately, we can't just erase loans taken out. They must be paid back, just like a car loan or a mortgage. Erasing would only transfer the debt to other hardworking taxpayers.

HOLDING RAILROAD CARRIERS ACCOUNTABLE

(Ms. GARCIA of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Mr. Speaker, we feel the pain of the people of East Palestine. We stand with them in demands for change in safety in the railroad industry.

It is not just what trains carry. It is their weight, it is their length, it is their mechanics, it is the number of

people on the train, and it is about damage to the neighborhoods and the environment.

Mr. Speaker, my district has the most reported roads blocked by trains of any district in the Nation. This means that the trains disrupt a lot of activity in our neighborhoods, and we get many complaints about blocked crossings blocking kids getting to school, fire trucks and ambulances not being able to get to buildings and to homes, and just a lot of damage done to our neighborhoods.

So the trains are not just about the derailment of East Palestine, but it is also about the damage they do every day particularly, again, in my district that has so many railroads.

I know, Mr. Speaker, that you know about this.

What we will be doing today and the following weeks is to focus more on rail safety. I had the FRA administrator in the district last week, and I am pleased to say that today we will be filing a bill called Don't Block Our Communities Act to address some of these issues.

HONORING BEYONCE KNOWLES CARTER

(Mr. ROBERT GARCIA of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. ROBERT GARCIA of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the end of Black History Month and the beginning of Women's History Month by honoring an individual who represents both so well.

She is an icon, she is a legend, and she is now—and forever—the moment.

I want to celebrate none other than who I believe is the undisputed queen of pop and R&B, Beyonce Knowles Carter.

A few weeks ago, this Brown skin girl out of H-Town won her 32nd Grammy, giving her the most Grammy wins of all time.

But Beyonce is so much more than a performer and a singer. She is a creator and an artist. When the radio said to speed it up, she went slower.

I will never forget the time I saw Destiny's Child perform for the very first time. It was life changing for me and for the way I experience music. I became an instant fan then and have been a huge fan ever since.

Beyonce is also a role model for millions across the country. She stood up for voting rights, for feminism, for women and girls, and for my community—the LGBTQ+ community. For my generation and so many others, she simply is the greatest of all time.

Her story is history.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Mrs. Carter on her achievements and for winning the most Grammys ever in the history of our country. You are irreplaceable.

REDUCE EXACERBATED INFLATION NEGATIVELY IMPACTING THE NATION ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PERRY). Pursuant to House Resolution 166 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for further consideration of the bill, H.R. 347.

Will the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BABIN) kindly take the chair.

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IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 347) to require the Executive Office of the President to provide an inflation estimate with respect to Executive orders with a significant effect on the annual gross budget, and for other purposes, with Mr. BABIN (Acting Chair) in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The Acting CHAIR. When the Committee of the Whole rose on Tuesday, February 28, 2023, amendment No. 10 printed in House Report 118-4 offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. LANGWORTHY) had been disposed of.

AMENDMENT NO. 11 OFFERED BY MS. OMAR

The Acting CHAIR. It is now in order to consider amendment No. 11 printed in House Report 118-4.

Ms. OMAR. Mr. Speaker, I have an amendment at the desk.

The Acting CHAIR. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Page 2, line 14, after the period, insert the following: "In estimating the inflationary effects of any major Executive order under this subsection, the President, Director, and Chair shall consider the factors described in subsection (d).".

Page 3, after line 2, insert the following:

(d) FACTORS.—The factors described in this subsection are the following:

(1) BENEFITS.—With respect to benefits provided by the applicable major Executive order, the total annual economic value of—

(A) personal consumption expenditures, net of investments, and defensive spending;

(B) the purchase of consumer durables and other household durables used for home improvement, including appliances, vehicles, and solar panels;

(C) publicly provided goods and services;

(D) higher education;

(E) job skills that are essential to an economy that—

(i) is self-sufficient; and

(ii) addresses ecological scarcities and directs resources to sustainable development without degrading the environment;

(F) time spent toward leisure activities;

(G) unpaid labor, including—

(i) parenting;

(ii) volunteering; and

(iii) time spent on household duties;

(H) infrastructure, including—

(i) transportation systems;

(ii) communication networks; and

(iii) sewage, water, and electric systems; and

(I) ecosystem services with respect to protected natural areas, including—